

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-71. (Canceled)

72. (Previously Presented) A method for setting up a universal remote control having command keys, a transmission circuit for transmitting commands in response to activation of one or more command keys, and a receiver circuit for receiving RF transmissions, the method comprising:

receiving data through RF transmissions from a plurality of RFID tags via the receiver of the universal remote control, each RFID tag being associated with a different individual;

determining relative signal strength of the RF transmissions; and

using data received from the RFID tag corresponding to the RF transmissions having the greatest relative signal strength to cause select commands to be mapped to select command keys whereby the universal remote control is set up such that activation of one or more of the select command keys causes the universal remote control to issue via the transmission circuit one or more of the select commands to command operation of one or more appliances as established by one or more preferences that have been mapped to the individual represented by the used data.

73. (Original) The method as recited in claim 72, comprising displaying command keys according to one or more preferences established for the individual represented by the used data.

74. (Original) The method as recited in claim 72, comprising limiting access to command keys

by the individual represented by the used data.

75. (Original) The method as recited in claim 72, comprising making a favorite channels list accessible for the individual represented by the used data.

76. (Original) The method as recited in claim 72, wherein the preferences are stored locally on the universal remote control.

77. (Original) The method as recited in claim 72, wherein the preferences are stored remotely from the universal remote control.

78. (Original) The method as recited in claim 73, comprising establishing a connection with a server having the remotely stored preferences.

79. (Original) The method as recited in claim 78, comprising establishing the connection by means of an intermediate device.

80. (Original) The method as recited in claim 79, wherein the intermediate device comprises a cable set top box.

81. (Original) The method as recited in claim 79, wherein the intermediate device comprises a personal computer.

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